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TO : Assistant Director for Special
Operations
FROM : Office of the Assistant General Counsel
SUBJECT: Payment of Transportation Costs and Per Diem to
Personnel Entering on Duty for the Overseas
Communication Pool

DATE: 1 April 1948

*Authorizations**Originals of these,
two memos in CPD—*

1. Reference is made to memorandum, dated 17 March 1948, same subject as above, from Chief, Personnel Division, OSO, to Assistant Director for Special Operations, through Chief, Special Funds Division.

2. Inasmuch as present regulations and policies are predicated upon the selection and assignment of an individual to a foreign station with temporary duty in Washington, D. C., rather than selection and assignment from a group, or pool, the observations made below are for consideration prior to adoption of the recommendations of paragraphs 4.a, b, and c of said memorandum as organizational policy.

a. There is no question that per diem allowance is available for periods of temporary duty away from an individual's permanent station, and, also, periods of temporary duty en route to a new permanent station.

b. There is also recognition that an individual may be in temporary duty status at the time the ultimate permanent station has not been officially designated, or is indefinite.

c. Public Law 600, and, where applicable, Public Law 724, are authority for entitling a new appointee for overseas service with temporary duty in Washington, to receive travel expenses and a per diem allowance. The conditions on which the foregoing are available are reflected in S. O. Procedure Guide No. 6/8.

3. The above principles have been recognized in fact in their application to the individual as such. It is now intended to extend the principles to the individual as constituting part of a group, or pool, it not being generally known at the time of assignment to the pool as to the length of service or place of ultimate assignment.

4. There would be no legal objection to the proposed pool arrangement. However, it is suggested that every effort be made to assign the individual concerned to a permanent duty station at the earliest possible date, and, in no event, later than sixty days after the EOD date. Since per diem payments will be made only under existing regulations, the mere assignment of an individual to the pool would not automatically entitle such individual to travel expenses from his home to Washington or per diem while in Washington. It is further suggested that the pool arrangement be administered with extreme care by the Personnel Division, OSO. As in other cases of this nature, the intent of the Government, at the time of appointment, to employ the individual at an overseas station is the controlling factor.

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